

*Who Are the Six  
Greatest Women In  
America?—Ask to  
Be Made Voters.  
Women Inventors.  
Rival of Bureau.*

The Woman's Civic league of Atlanta, Ga., has recently asked the city council to permit women to vote on a proposed bond issue of \$1,500,000. The petition pointed out that Atlanta contains many women property holders who have become such through their own efforts and argued that if women know how to make money and how to take care of it they ought to be accorded the privilege of saying for what purpose and by whom their taxes should be expended.

During the past year no less than 500 applications for patents were received by the British patent office from women inventors. Until recent years women of the inventive turn of mind seemed to be content to confine the exercise of their faculty to the minor kind of mechanisms. More recently, however, they seem to have entered the broader and more general field of mechanical exploitation, and some of the most effective improvements in connection with motor cars, sewing machines and even marine engines and motors have been devised and patented by women.

Uncle Sam's weather bureau has a rival in the small person of Mrs. Eva F. Smith Wilkins of Syracuse, N. Y., a lady who has made a profound impression as to her ability to foretell the weather even when the experts who are paid high salaries guess wrong. Unlike the weather bureau, Mrs. Wilkins puts no faith in thermometers, barometers, pluviometers, wind gauges and all such scientific paraphernalia, but relies entirely on her ability to read the clouds. She has discovered twenty-seven signs which enable her to speak with confidence of what wind and weather are to be, and her weather bulletin has proved to be more reliable this season than that sent out from Washington. The head of the Washington weather service is greatly interested in the matter and has promised to give Mrs. Wilkins every opportunity to pursue her study.

When Mrs. Clarence Mackay was elected a member of the school board of Roslyn, her beautiful Long Island summer residence, some of her friends were inclined to the belief that one term would be sufficient both for her and for her constituents. Now she has been re-elected without the slightest opposition. She has proved to be the most enterprising member of the board, having brought about numerous improvements in the school building and raised the standard of teaching.

The experiment of admitting women to the legislative body of Finland has resulted in a glowing success. The twelve women members elected a couple of years ago have developed remarkable ability in debate and have been able to hold their own on all occasions. Practically every question has been open to them, and they stand for much.

are now to be admitted to the bar on an equal basis with men. This is the result of the determined and intelligent fight by the English Woman's Rights association.

They are not content with the simple signing of petitions in the courts of law. English women have persuaded the Texas legislature to appoint a woman to their number to important positions in the department.

of Lt. Baker Knox, who is well known in Boston and is credited in bringing the

alhouette portrait to a high degree of artistic and popular success. She began making these attractive pictures as a pastime, but they seemed to "take" immediately in the most amazing manner, and it was not long until she had so many orders for them that she found it necessary to devote much of her time to the novel pursuit. These portraits are not the ordinary profiles cut from paper or drawn from shadows, but firm and accurate outline studies, frequently of the entire figure, the features and all flesh parts in black.

MARY DALE.

## THE SCHOOL LUNCH.

Its Preparation Should Be Made a Matter of First Importance.

The school child's noonday luncheon is a matter of more importance than most persons think. There is no doubt that it is something of a bother to prepare it. It must be done immediately after breakfast when there is so much that is to be done and so little time in which to do it. The cook is waiting for orders, the marketman or grocer is at the door for the list of daily supplies, the postman is making himself heard at the front door, and the family breadwinner is gulping down his last mouthful of coffee before making a mad rush for the train. At that moment, too, the baby insists on having an audience with the queen of the household and will not be "postponed."

It is indeed a trying moment and one pair of hands quite too few. The temptation is strong to say, "Just get a few cookies and some bread and butter" or "Ask Mary to make you a sandwich." The fact is, however, that the mother who permits any other duty to interfere with this important matter makes a grave mistake. Instead of allowing it to remain until the last moment she should provide for it as she would for any other meal of the day. On the day before she should make sure that she has everything at hand with which to put up a luncheon that is both digestible and appetizing.

### From a Hygienic Viewpoint.

Appetizing—that is precisely what most school lunches are not. The notion that a healthy child will eat almost anything given him is not based on accurate knowledge of the juvenile system. It is only the child who has been engaged during the entire morning in the most active outdoor exercise that eats anything and everything which is set before him without remark. The boy or girl who has been shut up in a close room since breakfast time engaged in more or less earnest application to study is quite a different proposition. If the child is studious the blood has been drawn from the stomach to the brain and is too fagged to feel hungry in the ordinary sense of the term. When the lunch basket is opened and the unattractive cold "snack" appears the feeling is one almost of disgust.

Looking at the matter from a hygienic viewpoint, the foundation for the noonday school lunch should be laid at breakfast. That means that at that hour of the day the child should be given a meal sufficiently substantial to enable him to get along with the simple refreshment which the circumstances permit him to take at



## SCHOOLBOY'S

noon. I have seen many a baby the  
of well cooked  
and he prefers with  
an extra glass of milk as a  
verage, a couple of eggs cooked sim-  
ply and as much bread and butter as  
he can dispose of. Fortified with this  
nourishment, the child will not need  
anything until night save the dainty  
and sensible lunch which he knows he  
will find in his basket.

### Mill Employee Disappears

San Francisco, Calif., Oct. 26.—Frank Pinkham, an employee of the Tacoma Mill company, has disappeared and officials of the concern have asked the assistance of the police in locating him in the belief that he is responsible for a shortage that may amount to \$30,000.

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